

# PLUMBING CODE

## CHAPTER 16

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**16.01 STATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED.**

- (1) **ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.** Chapter 145, Wis. Stats. and the State Plumbing Code, Chapter H 62, Wis. Adm. Code, are adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter with the same force and effect as though set out in full. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of such regulations shall constitute a violation of this chapter punishable according to the penalties provided herein.
- (2) **TO BE ON FILE.** A copy of the State Plumbing Code shall be on file in the offices of the Plumbing Supervisor and the City Clerk.

**16.02 PLUMBING DEFINED.** In this chapter, "plumbing" means and includes:

- (1) All piping, fixtures, appliances, equipment, devices and \*appurtenances in connection with the water supply, water distribution and drainage systems, including hot water storage tanks, water softeners and water heaters connected with such water and drainage systems, and the installation thereof.
- (2) The construction, connection or installation of any drain of waste piping system from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the mains or other sewerage system terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes, including private domestic sewage treatment and disposal systems, and the alteration of any such systems, drains or waste piping.
- (3) The water service piping from the outside or proposed outside foundation walls of any building to the main or other water utility service terminal within bounds of or beneath an area subject to easement for highway purposes and its connections.
- (4) The water pressure systems other than municipal systems as provided in Chapter 144, Wis. Statutes.
- (5) A plumbing and drainage system so designed and vent piping so installed as to keep the air within the system in free circulation and movement; to prevent with a margin of safety unequal air pressures of such force as might blow, siphon or affect trap seals or retard the discharge from plumbing fixtures or permit sewer air to escape into the building; to prohibit cross-connection, contamination or pollution of the potable water supply and distribution systems; and to provide an adequate supply of water to properly serve, cleanse and operate all fixtures, equipment, appurtenances and appliances served by the plumbing system.
- (6) "Plumbing" does not include minor repairs to faucets or the removal of stoppages in soil or waste pipes.

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### 16.03 PLUMBING SUPERVISOR

(1) DESIGNATED. The Building Inspector shall be the ex officio Plumbing Supervisor.

(2) DUTIES AND AUTHORITY.

(a) General. The Plumbing Supervisor shall enforce all provisions of this chapter and all other State and City provisions relating to the construction, installation, alteration and repair of all plumbing within the City and shall make such inspections, perform such tests and issue such orders as may be necessary for such enforcement. In the discharge of his duties, the Plumbing Supervisor or his authorized agent may enter any building between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily for the purpose of inspections. No person shall willfully or knowingly resist or obstruct the \*Plumbing Supervisor in the performance of his duties.

(b) Preparation of Forms. The Plumbing Supervisor shall prepare suitable forms for applications, permits and other records and reports.

(c) Permits. The Plumbing Supervisor or his authorized agent shall take applications and issue to qualified applicants permits as required for all work contemplated by this chapter and shall maintain suitable records of the permit issued. He shall monthly submit permit fees collected by his office to the City Treasurer.

(d) Reports.

1. To Council. The Plumbing Supervisor shall make such reports to Council as it may require concerning the activities of his office.

2. To the Department of Health and Social Services. The Plumbing Supervisor shall make such reports to the Department of Health and Social Services as are required under Sec. 145.04 (3), Wis. Stats.

(e) Stop Work Orders. The Plumbing Supervisor may order work stopped on the construction, installation, alteration or repair of plumbing when such work is being done in violation of this chapter. Work so stopped shall not be resumed except on written permission of the Plumbing Supervisor, provided if the stop work order is an oral one it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.

(f) Inspections. The plumber in charge shall notify the Plumbing Supervisor whenever any work is ready for inspection (i.e., soil, vent, underground drain, final inspection), such notification and inspection to be done in compliance with Sec. H 62.23, Wis. Adm. Code.

### 16.04 PLUMBING PERMITS.

(1) REQUIRED. No work contemplated by this chapter shall be started until a permit therefor has been obtained from the Plumbing Supervisor or his authorized agent.

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- (2) **APPLICATION.** The application shall be in writing upon forms which the Plumbing Supervisor shall provide and shall include the name of the owner and the description of the property on which the work is to be done, along with such pertinent information as the Plumbing Supervisor may require, and shall state that the property owner and the applicant will be bound by the subject to the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) **ISSUANCE.** When the Plumbing Supervisor is satisfied that the work proposed by the applicant can be done in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, and after the appropriate fees have been paid to him, he shall issue the permit. Such permit shall be good for the continuous performance of the work named thereon. A permit shall automatically expire when work ceases for a period of 60 days without good and reasonable cause for same and shall automatically expire on completion of the work for which it was issued; provided the Plumbing Supervisor may, upon notice, suspend or revoke such permit for violation of the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) **RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE.**
- (a) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person who is in violation of this chapter until such violation has been corrected.
  - (b) No plumbing permit shall be issued to any person against whom an order issued by the Plumbing Inspector is pending.
  - (c) Only licensed master plumbers shall be issued such permits except a permit may be issued to a property owner to install plumbing in a single-family residence which is owned and occupied by such owner as his home.
- (5) **FAILURE TO ISSUE; SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.** Any person directly interested who is aggrieved by the decision of the Plumbing Supervisor to refuse to issue a permit or to suspend or revoke such permit shall be entitled to an appeal before the City Council under Chapter 295, Laws of 1975, provided notice of appeal shall be filed with the Council within 10 days of the decision appealed from.
- (6) **FEES.** See Section 15.06 of the Municipal Code.

**16.05 PLUMBERS TO BE LICENSED.** All plumbing work shall be done only by a plumber licensed by the State for such work; provided a property owner may make repairs or installations in a single-family building owned and occupied by him as his home if a permit therefor is issued and the work is done in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

### **16.06 REGISTRATION OF PLUMBERS.**

- (1) **TO BE ON FILE.** The Plumbing Supervisor shall keep on file in his office a registration of all master plumbers engaged in the business of plumbing in the City and all journeymen plumbers and apprentice plumbers working at the plumbing trade in the City.

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- (2) **INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED.** Such registration shall include the full name and address, license number and current receipt number of each master or journeyman licensee. For an apprentice, the year of apprenticeship and the shop to which he is indentured shall be indicated.

### **16.07 STREET OPENINGS.**

- (1) **PERMIT REQUIRED.** A permit shall be applied for and received before excavating in any street, alley or other public way to repair, alter or install plumbing.
- (2) No openings in streets, alleys or other public ways to install plumbing shall be permitted when the ground is frozen, except when necessary. In opening any street or other public way, all materials for paving or ballasting shall be removed with the least possible injury or loss and together with the excavated material from the trenches shall be placed where the least practicable inconvenience to the public will be caused, and to permit free passage of water along the gutters.
- (3) All openings made in the public streets or alleys in accordance with permission given pursuant hereto shall be enclosed with sufficient barriers, and red lamps shall be maintained upon the same at night. All other necessary precautions shall be taken to guard the public against accidents from the beginning to the completion of the work.
- (4) In opening a trench on any street or lot, the sidewalk materials, sand, gravel and earth or whatever material is removed or penetrated shall be replaced in the same condition and relation to the remainder as existed before. All rubbish shall be removed at once, leaving the street or sidewalk in perfect repair; same shall be so maintained for one year thereafter. All gas, water or electric lines or conduits shall be protected from injury or settling in a manner approved by the Plumbing Supervisor.
- (5) When any excavation is made in a permanently paved road or street or in any road or street which is to be permanently paved, all clay or hard pan shall be removed and the excavations entirely backfilled with sand or gravel thoroughly wet and compacted. Any tunnel dug in a road or street shall be backfilled with concrete in a manner specified by the Plumbing Supervisor.

**16.10 PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter, or any regulation, rule or order made hereunder, shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Sec. 20.04 of this Municipal Code.

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